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ANIMAL-RELATED

Morris Animal Foundation

Morris Animal Foundation Request for Proposals

With funding from an anonymous donor, the Morris Animal Foundation has announced a Request for Proposals for projects aimed at developing methods (research, education) for preventing or treating infectious diseases that result in negative outcomes for shelter cats. The foundation is particularly interested in proposals related to feline infectious peritonitis and in projects with a training component that will increase the number of scientists working in animal health/welfare research. MAF anticipates that a total of \$250,000 will be available to fund studies for up to three years. The maximum allowable indirect cost rate is 8 percent. MAF does not pay for capital equipment exceeding \$1,000 or salaries for faculty appointed to regular/tenure track, full-time, full-salaried positions. Salaries may be requested for technicians, residents, graduate students, and postdoctoral fellows and other support staff based on their percentage of time involved in the study. Expenses under \$3,000 for travel to scientific meetings may be included in the budget for the purpose of presenting study findings. Application deadline is **February 5, 2010**.

Contact: <http://www.morrisanimalfoundation.org/professionals/scientists/>

American Humane Association

Meacham Foundation Memorial Grant

The American Humane Association annually awards the Meacham Foundation Memorial Grant to fund capital campaigns, facility improvements, and equipment purchases that directly affect the welfare of animals in shelters. Applicants must be a supporting member of American Humane and incorporated as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit agency. Grants are awarded in amounts up to \$4,000 each. Applications will be accepted from **January 1 through the last day of February**.

Contact: <http://www.americanhumane.org/protecting-animals/shelter-professionals/grants/>

Banfield Charitable Trust

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The Banfield Charitable Trust supports programs that provide preventive healthcare for pets, childhood education about pet care and responsibility, as well as specialized pet projects. They do not fund more than 50% of an entire project. The Banfield Charitable Trust does not fund:

- Spay and neuter or adoption programs
- General operating expenses, deficit reduction, or general administrative overhead expenses

- Fundraising campaigns, including special events
- Grants to individuals, or to provide support for business enterprise
- Equine or livestock programs
- International programs
- Construction costs for new buildings or remodeling proposals

There are two grant cycles per year. The **first cycle deadline is June 30**, with notification in August. The second cycle deadline is November 30, with notification in January. Applicants will be notified of funding decisions in January.

Contact: <http://www.banfieldcharitabletrust.org/Grants?top>

American Humane

American Humane offers Foreclosure Pets Grants to help shelters care for the influx of pets arriving due to foreclosures. Grant monies must be used to offset expenses already incurred in providing direct care to animals that have been impacted by a foreclosure situation. Animal welfare organizations interested in applying for a Foreclosure Pets Grant should email the following information to grants@americanhumane.org with "Foreclosure Pets Grant" in the subject line:

- Organization name and mission statement
- American Humane member number
- Desired use of funds

The maximum grant amount is \$2,000 per organization, and availability is highly limited; however, selected organizations will be notified by email and invited to submit a formal application.

There is **no submission deadline**.

Grant link: <http://www.americanhumane.org/protecting-animals/shelter-professionals/grants/foreclosure-pets/>

ARTS & CULTURE

Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences

Institutional Grants Program

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences is accepting applications for the Institutional Grants Program. This program assists in fostering educational activities between the public and the film industry while encouraging the appreciation of motion pictures as both an art form and a vocation. Grants are awarded to nonprofit film organizations and to film programs within schools, colleges, and universities. Types of programs eligible for support include: Craft Workshops and Conferences, Internship Programs, Library and Archival Projects, Seminar Programs, Teacher Training Programs, Training/Bridge Programs, and Visiting Artist Programs. Deadline for submission is **January 15, 2010**.

Grant link: <http://www.oscars.org/education-outreach/grants/institutional/index.html>

Coming Up Taller

President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities

Coming Up Taller, an initiative of the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the National Endowment for the Humanities, works to showcase cultural excellence and enhance the availability of out-of-school arts and humanities programs to children. The Coming Up Taller Awards recognize and support outstanding community arts and humanities programs that celebrate the creativity of America's young people and provide them with learning opportunities and chances to contribute to their communities.

Award recipients receive \$10,000 each, an individualized plaque, and an invitation to attend the annual Coming Up Taller Leadership Enhancement Conference. In addition, thirty-five exceptional youth arts and humanities programs across the country receive a Semifinalist Certificate of Excellence. Awards are given to organizations for a specific program or programs. In some cases, the organization and program may be the same. To be eligible, nominated programs should operate as a program for children and youth outside the school day; use one or more disciplines of the humanities or the arts as the core content of its program(s); concentrate on children and youth who live in family and community circumstances that limit their opportunities (underserved children and youth are the primary participants in the program); involve children and youth as active participants in the arts or humanities experience; provide participants with regularly scheduled sessions on an ongoing basis; integrate arts or humanities education programs with youth development goals; have been operational since January 2006 for a minimum of five years (including 2010); be a nonprofit tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization, unit of state or local government, or federally recognized tribal community or tribe; and be in good standing if a recipient of a federal grant. Deadline for submission is **January 29, 2010**.

Grant link: <http://www.pcah.gov/cut.htm>

National Endowment for the Arts

The Big Read

The Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and in cooperation with Arts Midwest designed to revitalize the role of literature in American culture and to encourage citizens to read for pleasure and enlightenment. The purpose of The Big Read is to encourage literary reading. The following information outlines the expectations and requirements for Big Read organizations. Organizations applying to The Big Read must select from the reading choices listed on the website. Organizations selected to participate will receive a grant, access to online training resources and opportunities, educational and promotional materials to support widespread community involvement and participation, an Organizer's Guide for developing and managing Big Read activities, inclusion of the organization and its activities on The Big Read Web site, and the prestige of participating in a highly visible national program. Submission **deadline is February 2, 2010**.

Grant link: <http://www.neabigread.org/guidelines.php>

Music Education Programs Supported

Muzak Heart & Soul Foundation: Music Matters Grant Program

The Muzak Heart & Soul Foundation's mission is to redefine and support music education. Through the Foundation's Music Matters Grant Program, grants are provided to K-12 school music programs and independent music programs throughout the United States. Music education – vocal or instrumental – must be the key component of any music program requesting funds. Public school programs (qualifying for Title I federal funding and serving a minimum of 70% low-income students) as well as nonprofit organizations directly funding music education and serving students regardless of their ability to pay are eligible to apply. The application deadline is **February 5, 2010**. Visit the Foundation's website to download the grant guidelines and application form.

Grant link: <http://heart.muzak.com/what/grants.aspx>

National Film Preservation Foundation

Basic Preservation Grants

The National Film Preservation Foundation is accepting applications for its Basic Preservation Grants. These cash grants are awarded to nonprofit and public institutions for laboratory work to preserve culturally and historically significant film materials. Grants are available to public and nonprofit institutions in the United States that provide public access to their collections, including those that are part of federal, state, or local government. The grants target orphan films made in the United States or by American citizens abroad and not protected by commercial interests. Materials originally created for television or video are not eligible, including works produced with funds from broadcast or cable television entities. The grant must be used to pay for new laboratory work involving the creation of new film preservation elements (which may include sound tracks) and two new public access copies, one of which must be a film print. The grant does not fund HD transfers. Awards generally range from \$3,000 to \$18,000 each. Application **deadline is February 12, 2010**.

Grant link: <http://www.filmpreservation.org/>

★ French American Cultural Exchange

French American Fund for Contemporary Music

Administered by the French American Cultural Exchange, the French American Fund for Contemporary Music supports contemporary music projects - commissions, residencies, performances, tours, and master classes - that foster cultural exchange between France and the United States. The fund awards project grants to nonprofit institutions celebrating the work of living composers in both countries. Collaborations combining new French and American works are especially encouraged. Only projects involving works by living composers or works composed during the last 50 years will be considered for funding. The repertoire should fall within one of the following categories: contemporary music for classical instrumentation; computer-assisted composition and research with multi-media tools; and new forms of improvised and electronic music. Special consideration will be given to projects involving the commission of new works. Only nonprofit institutions may submit applications. American institutions must provide proof of their 501(c)(3) status; French organizations must prove equivalent status for eligibility. Submission deadline is **March 1, 2010**.

Grant link: <http://www.facecouncil.org/music/guidelines.html>

J-Lab

New Voices Funding

The Institute for Interactive Journalism invites applications for funding to launch a participatory news venture in communi-

ties. Eligible to receive New Voices funding are 501(c)3 organizations and education institutions, including community groups, public broadcasters, independent media, colleges and universities, and individuals working under the sponsorship of a nonprofit fiscal agent. Only start-up news initiatives can receive funding. Ongoing efforts are not eligible unless they are proposing a new project or product. Deadline for submission is **March 1, 2010**.

Grant link: http://www.j-newvoices.org/site/story/how_to_apply/

National Park Service

Japanese American Confinement Sites Grant

Japanese American Confinement Sites grant applications are now available for the preservation and interpretation of U.S. confinement sites where Japanese Americans were detained during World War II. Grants are awarded to organizations and entities working to preserve historic Japanese American confinement sites and their history, including: private nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and state, local, and tribal governments, and other public entities. Grants will be awarded through a competitive process and require a non-Federal match in at least a 2:1 ratio (2 Federal to 1 non-Federal match). The minimum grant request is \$5,000. Projects must benefit one or more historic Japanese American confinement sites. Applications must be submitted in paper copy by **March 4, 2010**. Project categories include:

- Capital projects: including construction of new interpretive centers, restrooms, and interpretive trails.
- Documentation: including identification, research, and evaluation of historic confinement sites; projects may include archeological surveys, National Register of Historic Places nominations, and National Historic Landmark nominations.
- Oral history interviews: including recording, transcribing, digitally processing and sharing the interviews.
- Interpretation and education related to historic confinement sites: projects may include wayside exhibits, creative arts and educational curricula.
- Preservation of confinement sites and related historic resources: projects may include stabilization, rehabilitation, restoration, acquisition, relocation of historic buildings and structures to their original locations, reconstruction of key structures, and collections conservation.
- Planning projects: such as interpretive plans for new exhibits and programs, land use plans, and resource management plans.
- Non-Federal real property acquisition: allowed only with the owner's written permission at only Jerome, Rohwer, Topaz, and Honouliuli, per stipulations of Public Law 109-441.

Grant link: <http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/hpg/JACS/application.html>

National Geographic

The All Roads Film Project

The All Roads Film Project is a National Geographic initiative created to provide an international platform for indigenous and underrepresented minority-culture artists to share their cultures, stories, and perspectives through the power of film and photography. All Roads includes a film festival, photography program, and seed grant program. The All

Roads Seed Grant Program funds film projects by and about indigenous and underrepresented minority-culture filmmakers from all reaches of the globe. The program seeks filmmakers who bring their lives and communities to light through first-person storytelling. The grant program is open to indigenous and under-represented minority culture filmmakers, as well as filmmakers who can demonstrate that they have been designated by indigenous or minority communities to tell their story. Grants range up to a maximum of \$10,000 each. Submission deadlines are quarterly on the **15th of each March, June, September, and December**.

Grant link: <http://events.nationalgeographic.com/events/all-roads/seed-grants/>

John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts

Arts Management Fellowship Program

The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Arts Management Fellowship Program provides up to ten artists and arts managers from the United States and other countries with instruction and experience designed to help them succeed in today's complex arts environment. Fellows work full-time at the center in Washington, D.C., for nine months starting in September and ending in May, and take part in classes, seminars, and practical work experiences in at least three Kennedy Center departments. Candidates must demonstrate knowledge of an artistic discipline(s), an aptitude for management skills, proven organizational and communication skills, maturity and confidence, and the ability to work independently, as well as with diverse groups. A minimum of a bachelor's degree in the arts or a related discipline, and at three to five years of experience as an administrator for a performing arts organization (e.g., theater, music, dance) are required. Fellows receive an annual stipend of \$20,000 to help defray housing and transportation costs. Course materials and reimbursement for health insurance are also provided. The application **deadline is April 1, of each year**.

Grant link: <http://www.kennedy-center.org/education/artsmanagement/fellowships/home.html>

Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation

Jazz.NEXT

The Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation is accepting applications for Jazz.NEXT, a program developed in partnership with the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation to support planning and the implementation of fully developed projects that make innovative use of new technologies in audience development, communications, distribution, marketing, and network building for jazz performance. Implementation grants, generally ranging from \$10,000 to \$75,000 each, will be awarded to projects offering the most promising approaches to jazz audience development, communications, distribution, marketing, and network building that utilize new technologies developed either through a Jazz.NEXT planning grant or conceived outside of the program, but deemed ready for immediate implementation. Applicants may apply for an implementation grant in either the first or second grant round of the program. To be eligible, applicants must be jazz artists who are citizens or permanent residents of the United States, or be a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization (or an organizations with an eligible fiscal sponsor) with a history of programming jazz or providing services to jazz artists or jazz organizations. Applicants must also have demonstrated some prior experience working with technology in addressing audience development, communications, creation and presentation, marketing and promotion, networking, or other capacity-building endeavors.

Applicants may partner with other jazz artists or organizations on their planning and implementation projects, but only one artist or organization can act as the applicant. Deadline for submission is **July 1, 2010**.

Grant link: http://www.midatlanticarts.org/funding/knowledge_building/JazzNext/guidelines.html

ASCAP Foundation

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The ASCAP Foundation was established in 1975 and is a publicly supported charitable organization dedicated to supporting American music creators and encouraging their development through music education and talent development programs. Included in these programs are songwriting workshops, scholarships, awards and recognition programs, public service projects for senior composers and lyricists, and providing grants to other 501(c)(3) organizations engaged in educational programs for aspiring songwriters and composers. The ASCAP Foundation accepts Letters of Inquiry from other 501(c)(3) organizations engaging in music education and talent development programs that are consistent with the mission and objectives of The ASCAP Foundation and which support music education programs for aspiring songwriters and composers. The ASCAP Foundation does not consider requests for general operating or administrative support or annual giving campaigns, capital purposes, endowments, deficit operations, recordings, marketing efforts, performance or production funding nor do we purchase advertisements, sponsor events or donate equipment. Full Grant Applications are submitted by invitation only. Based on the Letter of Inquiry, due on **August 1st**, organizations may be invited by The ASCAP Foundation to submit a Full Grant Application for funding consideration. Full Grant Applications are reviewed in October and November and determinations for funding are made in December for the following fiscal year. Grantees are notified in January.

Grant link: <http://www.ascapfoundation.org/grants.html>

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Fiskars

Project Orange Thumb Grant Program

Community groups across the United States and Canada are invited to apply for the 2010 Fiskars Project Orange Thumb Grant Program. Fiskars, a leading manufacturer of scissors and garden tools, will award grants worth up to \$2,000 each in garden tools and green goods through the Orange Thumb program. In 2009, the program provided grants to twenty groups for gardening projects that supplied thousands of pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables to local foodbanks, educated community members on sustainable agriculture, and provided places of beauty and rest for entire communities. The program is open to any community group with a gardening project. Past recipients have included school and church groups, master gardener groups, and community organizations. Eligible programs include garden projects geared toward community involvement, neighborhood beautification, sustainable agriculture, and/or horticultural education. Deadline for submission is **February 19, 2010**.

Grant link: http://www.fiskars.com/content/garden_en_us/Garden/ProjectOrangeThumb

Support for Community Improvement Programs in Targeted Markets

Bank of America Foundation: Neighborhood Excellence Initiative

The Neighborhood Excellence Initiative, Bank of America's signature philanthropic program, recognizes nonprofit organizations and individuals working to improve their communities. The Initiative's Neighborhood Builders category provides grants of \$200,000 each to two nonprofit organizations that are focused on local neighborhood priorities in each of the Bank's 45 markets. The Local Heroes category provides grants of \$5,000 each to nonprofit organizations selected by five recognized individuals in the targeted markets. Applications and nominations must be submitted online by **June 1, 2010**. Guidelines for both categories are available on the Bank of America website listed above.

Grant link: http://www.bankofamerica.com/foundation/index.cfm?template=fd_neighborexcell

EDUCATION

The Ezra Jack Keats Foundation

Mini-Grant Program

The foundation accepts applications from public schools and libraries anywhere in the United States and its protectorates for mini-grants (approximately \$500 per mini-grant). Funds will not be granted for: general operating costs, administrative costs, transportation of the audience, and purchase of books, tapes, software or equipment unrelated to a specific program described. Creative programs funded in the past have included:

- Ongoing pen-pal projects bringing disparate communities together
- Multi-cultural portrait projects
- Art projects culminating in art shows, murals, or quilts
- Bookmaking
- Creation and performance of puppet shows
- Inter-generational journals

New ideas are welcomed. Deadline for submission is **September 15, 2010**.

Grant link: <http://www.ezra-jack-keats.org/programs/minigrant.html>

HEALTH

College-Level Alcohol Education Programs Funded

National Collegiate Athletic Association: CHOICES

The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) assists in educating student athletes and creating an environment that promotes healthy choices about alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use. The CHOICES grant program provides funding for NCAA member institutions and conferences to integrate athletics into efforts to reduce alcohol abuse on college campuses. CHOICES projects must partner athletics with other campus departments in the development and implementation of effective alcohol education projects. Grants range up to \$15,000 for the first year, \$10,000 for the second year, and \$5,000 for the third and final year. The application deadline is **February 16, 2010**. Visit the NCAA website to download the 2010 call for proposals and grant guidelines.

Grant link: http://www.ncaa.org/wps/portal/ncaahome?WCM_GLOBAL_CONTEXT=/ncaa/NCAA/Academics%

Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration

National Technical Assistance Center for Child and Adolescent Mental Health Cooperative Agreement

Funding Opportunity Number: SM-10-006

Eligible applicants are domestic public and private nonprofit entities. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Mental Health Services is accepting applications for fiscal year the (FY) 2010 National Technical Assistance Center for Child and Adolescent Mental Health Cooperative Agreement (NTAC). The purpose of this program is to serve as a resource and training center to increase the effectiveness of mental health services for children, adolescents and young adults and their families in States, counties, Tribes and Territories. The NTAC will provide technical assistance on systems of care development, implementation, sustainability and related policy issues to current and previously funded grantees of the Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children and Their Families Program, also known as the Children's Mental Health Initiative (CMHI). Submission deadline is **February 16, 2010**.

Grant link: <http://samhsa.gov/Grants/2010/SM-10-006.aspx>

Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration

Suicide Prevention Resource Center

Funding Opportunity Number: SM-10-007

Eligible applicants are domestic public and private nonprofit entities. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Mental Health Services is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2010 for the Suicide Prevention Resource Center grant. The purpose of this program is to provide prevention support, training, and resources to assist organizations and individuals to develop suicide prevention programs, interventions, and policies, and to establish public and private partnerships including the establishment and implementation of the National Action Alliance as a major support for the advancement of the National Strategy for Suicide Prevention (NSSP). Submission deadline is **February 16, 2010**.

Grant link: <http://samhsa.gov/grants/2010/sm-10-007.aspx>

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Finding Answers: Disparities Research for Change

As part of its commitment to ensuring that all Americans receive high-quality, high-value healthcare, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in 2005 launched Finding Answers: Disparities Research for Change, a national initiative focused on discovering and evaluating innovative interventions to move the disparities field beyond the documentation of racial and ethnic differences in healthcare to actually implementing efforts to eliminate these gaps in care. Finding Answers focuses specifically on reducing disparities in cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and depression; diseases for which the evidence of racial and ethnic disparities is strong and the recommended standards of care are clear. Only organizations that administer and directly provide an intervention to the target population are eligible to apply. Eligible institutions may partner/subcontract with

academic or research groups with evaluation expertise. The following types of organizations are eligible as primary/lead applicants: provider organizations (e.g., medical groups, hospitals, community health centers); health plans and employers; and other organizations directly involved in healthcare provision or administration (e.g., a network or consortium of provider groups). Applicants must be located in the United States and preference will be given to applicants that are public agencies or are tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and are not private foundations as defined under Section 509(a). Up to five awards of up to \$400,000 each are available in the program's fourth round of funding. Project periods may not exceed thirty-six months, including start-up, data collection, and analyses. **Application deadline is February 4, 2010**.

Grant link: <http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=20941>

American Academy of Dermatology

Shade Structure Program

The American Academy of Dermatology's Shade Structure Program awards grants in the amount of \$8,000 each for the purchase of permanent shade structures designed to provide shade and ultraviolet (UV) ray protection for outdoor areas. AAD also provides a permanent sign to be displayed near the shade structure that promotes the importance of sun safety. This is the tenth year AAD has offered the program to nonprofit organizations seeking permanent shade structures for outdoor locations that are not protected from the sun (e.g., playgrounds, pools, eating areas etc.). AAD receives support for the program from Johnson & Johnson Consumer Products Company. To be considered for grants, applicants must be a nonprofit organization or public school that primarily serves children and teens 18 and younger; demonstrate an ongoing commitment to sun safety and skin cancer awareness by having a sun safety/skin cancer awareness program in place for at least one year prior to application; and be sponsored by an AAD member dermatologist. AAD awards thirty to thirty-five grants each year, depending on the availability of funding. Deadline for submission is **April 12, 2010**.

Grant link: <http://www.aad.org/public/sun/grants.html>

Ittleson Foundation

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The Ittleson Foundation focuses its resources on AIDS, the Environment, and Mental Health. In AIDS they focus on prevention and the mental health consequences of the disease. In Environment they look to educate a new generation of environmentalists. They are also intrigued by urban environmental issues and efforts at resource protection. In Mental Health they prefer projects that cut across the entire field and those that address underserved populations. To apply, send a brief letter to the Executive Director describing the organization and the work for which funds are being sought, along with a budget and evidence of tax-exempt status. If the activity falls within the current scope of the Foundation's interests, the applicant will be asked to supply additional information as required. The Foundation board meets once a year. Initial letters of inquiry must be received before **September 1st**.

Grant link: <http://www.ittlesonfoundation.org/guides.html>

Sabina Fund

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Sabina Fund provides grants to small grassroots projects that promote a vegan diet and publicize the devastating impacts

of animal agriculture. Deadline for submission is **October 31, 2010**. Maximum grant is \$1,000.

Grant link: <http://www.sabinafund.org/>

MULTIPLE FUNDING AREAS

American Express

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American Express makes grants in three key areas: Cultural Heritage, Future Leadership, and Community Service (specifically relief and recovery efforts).

- **Cultural Heritage:** They support organizations and projects that preserve or rediscover important cultural works and major historic sites in order to provide ongoing access and enjoyment for current and future audiences. The programs supported include a broad range of arts and culture: from historic landmarks and public spaces to dance, theater, music, film and the visual arts. They emphasize preserving works that represent a range of diverse cultures.
- **Future Leadership:** They are interested in proposals that cultivate leadership opportunities for diverse communities within the nonprofit sector or that focus on innovative leadership development programs for emerging leaders of world-class institutions. They specifically target programs for emerging nonprofit leaders in the arts, environment, higher education and social service sectors. They will accept a limited number of requests for programs impacting emerging leaders of the public sector.
- **Community Service:** They serve communities by supporting immediate and long-term relief and recovery efforts to help victims of natural disasters. Funding also goes to support preparedness programs that allow relief agencies to be better equipped in responding to emergencies as they occur.

Inquiries for funding are **accepted and reviewed on an ongoing basis** throughout the year.

Grant link: <http://home3.americanexpress.com/corp/gb/howto.asp>

JP Morgan Chase

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JP Morgan Chase provides funding in the following areas:

- **Community development** - address issues related to poverty and social exclusion by building economic infrastructure, promoting self-sufficiency, and supporting efforts to narrow social inequities.
- **Education** - ensure that all children, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds, have access to high quality educational opportunities with a particular focus on K-12 public schools that help them acquire the knowledge and skills needed to be productive, engaged citizens.
- **Arts & Culture** - increase community access to rich cultural resources that foster creativity, promote self-expression, celebrate diversity, and strengthen our environment.

The grant application process begins with the submission of a letter of inquiry, and the **LOI may be submitted year round**. Questions on the letter of inquiry will include:

- A brief description of your organization's:
 - Mission

- Program/project description
- Program/project budget
- Geography to be served
- Your contact information

Grant link: <http://www.jporganchase.com/corporate/Home/home.htm>

Land O'Lakes Foundation

The California Regions Grant Program

The Land O'Lakes Foundation offers The California Regions Grant Program. This is a grassroots program developed specifically for selected Land O'Lakes dairy communities in the Orland, Tulare/Kings/Bakersfield and Ontario regions. The program works to improve quality of life through donations to valuable projects and charitable endeavors recommended by their California dairy member-leaders. Community organizations applying for grants may be eligible for donations of \$500 to \$5,000 for local projects and programs. Funds could be used to support such worthwhile projects as: backing local food pantries or emergency feeding efforts, aiding 4-H or FFA programs, building a new park pavilion for the community, and purchasing books for the community library. To be considered, grant proposals must demonstrate how the donation will be used to help improve community quality of life. Grants are generally restricted to organizations that have been granted tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. **Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.**

Grant link: http://www.foundation.landolakes.com/cal_app_proc.asp

Verizon Foundation

Verizon Foundation

The Verizon Foundation accepts grant applications for improving lives in literacy, knowledge and a readiness for the 21st Century. Specifically, they are interested in programs that help people to:

- Increase their literacy and educational achievement
- Avoid being an abuser or a victim of domestic violence
- Achieve and sustain their health and safety

The Foundation is also interested in Internet safety. Proposals will be considered from eligible tax-exempt organizations in certain 501(c)(3) subsections as defined by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Proposals will also be considered from elementary and secondary schools* (public and private) that are registered with the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). Proposals may also be considered from eligible tax-exempt organizations in the subsection 170(B)(1)(a)(i) - Church, provided that the proposal will benefit a large portion of a community without regard to religious affiliation and does not duplicate the work of other agencies in the community. The Foundation provides guidelines and sample grant proposals to help guide interested applicants. The Verizon Foundation **accepts grant requests 24-hours a day, 7 days a week, January through October.**

Grant link: <http://foundation.verizon.com/grant/guidelines.shtml>

OTHER

Seed Grants for Community News Ventures

New Voices

New Voices, administered by J-Lab and supported by the

John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, is a pioneering program to seed innovative community news ventures in the United States. Projects can produce news and information for a geographic area such as a small town, city, county, state, or region, or they can serve a community of interest. Funding is available for print or electronic news initiatives, including online, cable, broadcast, narrowcast, satellite, and mobile efforts. Grantees will receive \$17,000 the first year and may apply for \$8,000 in matching funds in the second year. Nonprofit organizations and education institutions, including public broadcasters, independent media, and colleges and universities, are eligible to apply. Of the eight projects to be funded in 2010, at least three grants are targeted for news initiatives in Knight Foundation communities. Applications must be submitted online by **March 1, 2010**. Visit the New Voices website to review the 2010 Request for Proposals.
Grant link: <http://www.j-knight.org/site/story/2010rfp/>

RESEARCH

Ford Foundation

Sexuality, Health, and Rights Among Youth in the United States

The Ford Foundation has announced a new Request for Proposals entitled "Sexuality, Health, and Rights Among Youth in the United States: Transforming Public Policy and Public Understanding Through Social Research" designed to support and prepare researchers to take on the challenges of social science sexuality research in the 21st century. The overall goal of the program is to strengthen the capacity of social science researchers to inform public policy and public understanding of sexuality-related issues from a human rights perspective. Through this RFP the foundation will support research projects that combine three areas of activity: social science research; training of graduate students; and strategic communications to inform public policy or public conversations. Each project must include plans for all three areas of activity. Proposals that explore the role of structural inequalities, stigma and discrimination, and mechanisms of social exclusion related to gender, sexual orientation, class, race and ethnicity, and their intersections are of particular interest, as are proposals exploring how youth and adults in local communities seek to understand and address sexuality, health, and human rights through a range of individual and collective actions. All proposals must demonstrate how they would inform public policy or public dialogue on targeted sexuality or reproductive health and rights issues. Awards will be made to institutions, rather than individuals. In addition to considering accredited U.S. college and university-based applicants, the foundation will also consider proposals from university consortia and nonprofit research institutions. It is anticipated that up to \$4 million in total funding will be available for this research-focused RFP. The maximum budget per institution will be \$500,000 in total costs. The foundation expects that the proposed projects would be completed in a two- to three-year time frame. Innovative projects proposing smaller budgets are encouraged. Letters of Intent due by **February 1, 2010**.

Grant link: <http://www.fordfound.org/issues/sexuality/overview>

National Institutes of Health

Membrane Protein Production for Structure Determination

Funding Opportunity Number: RFA-RM-09-012

There are several types of eligible applicants. Please refer to the full announcement for further information. This FOA solicits applications to develop innovative methods for membrane protein production so that the rate of membrane protein structure determination may be enhanced. Methods development for expression, solubilization, stabilization, purification, characterization, crystallization, and isotopic labeling of membrane proteins to enable the determination of their structures by electron microscopic, x-ray diffraction, nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR), mass spectrometry, and other biophysical techniques are emphasized. Deadline for submission is **February 1, 2010**.

Contact: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RM-09-012.html>

Department of Education

National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research

Funding Opportunity Number: ED-GRANTS-120109-001

Eligible individuals must have training and experience that indicate a potential for engaging in scientific research related to the solution of rehabilitation problems of individuals with disabilities. The purpose of the Research Fellowships Program is to build research capacity by providing support to enable highly qualified individuals, including those who are individuals with disabilities, to conduct research on the rehabilitation of individuals with disabilities. Deadline for submission is **February 1, 2010**.

Grant link: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/pdf/E9-28758.pdf>

National Institutes of Health

Pre-Application for the 2010 NIDA Avant-Garde Award Program for HIV/AIDS Research

Funding Opportunity Number: PAR-10-068

There are several types of eligible applicants. Please refer to the full announcement for further details. The NIDA Avant-Garde Award Program for HIV/AIDS Research is meant to complement NIDA's traditional investigator-initiated grant programs by supporting individual scientists of exceptional creativity who propose high-impact research that will open new avenues for prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS among drug abusers. The term avant-garde is used to describe highly innovative approaches that have the potential to be transformative open new areas of research or lead to new avenues of treatment and prevention for HIV/AIDS among drug abusers. The proposed research should reflect ideas substantially different from those already being pursued by the investigator or others. Deadline for application is **March 1, 2010**.

Grant link: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-10-068.html>

National Science Foundation

Environmental Synthesis Center

Funding Opportunity Number: 10-521

Proposals may only be submitted by the following: -Non-profit, non-academic organizations: Independent museums, observatories, research labs, professional societies and similar organizations in the U.S. associated with educational or research activities. -Universities and Colleges - Universities and two- and four-year colleges (including community colleges) accredited in, and having a campus located in the US, acting on behalf of their faculty members. This solicitation will estab-

lish a new environmental synthesis center to stimulate research, education and outreach at the interface of the biological, geological, and social sciences. The center will foster synthetic, collaborative, cross-disciplinary efforts to understand and predict the complex interactions among ecological populations, communities and ecosystems, the geophysical environment, and human actions and decisions that underlie global environmental change. It will play a pivotal role in forecasting adaptive responses to environmental change and understanding sudden shifts in dynamic systems. The center will also directly involve policy makers, managers, and conservation efforts, and educate an informed citizenry. The center will be international in its scope, addressing the most pressing challenges posed by global environmental change. The center represents a new effort, based on NSF's substantial investments in ongoing synthesis activities, and is not intended to extend or duplicate these activities. The Biological Sciences Directorate expects this center to lead the next generation of synthesis activities. **Application deadline is July 14, 2010.**

Grant link: http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf10521

National Institutes of Health

Critical Illness and Injury in Aging

Funding Opportunity Number: PA-10-043

There are several types of eligible applicants. Please refer to the full announcement for further details. This FOA encourages Small Research Project Grant (R03) applications proposing to study mechanisms and management of critical illness and injury in aging. Studies may be mechanistic, observational, or interventional in nature. Secondary analyses of existing datasets, such as from large observational studies or clinical trials, may be proposed. Animal studies are appropriate in cases where human studies are not feasible. Application deadline is **January 7, 2013**.

Grant link: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-10-043.html>

National Institutes of Health

NIDCR Small Research Grants for Data Analysis and Statistical Methodology applied to Genome-wide Data

Funding Opportunity Number: PAR-10-041

There are several types of eligible applicants. Please refer to the full announcement for further details. This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) will support meritorious research projects that involve secondary data analyses or development of statistical methodology using existing genome-wide data, relevant to human dental or craniofacial conditions or traits. Application deadline is **January 7, 2013**.

Grant link: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-10-041.html>

SCHOOL-BASED

Turnaround Management Association

2010 Butler-Cooley Excellence in Teaching Award

The Turnaround Management Association, the premier nonprofit organization representing the corporate restructuring industry, is accepting applications for the 2010 Butler-Cooley Excellence in Teaching Award. The program recognizes K-12 classroom teachers who have changed students' lives and the communities where they teach. TMA

will award a \$5,000 cash stipend and cover travel and lodging expenses for one teacher to attend the TMA 2010 Spring Conference, April 20-22, at the Sheraton New York Hotel and Towers in New York, NY. Nominees must:

- Be licensed and active elementary or secondary (K-12) school teachers
- Teach at an accredited public or private school
- Have at least five years of teaching experience
- Have taught the equivalent of 20 hours per week (based on at least a nine-month academic calendar year) for at least five of the prior seven years

Submission deadline is **February 1, 2010**.

Grant link: <http://www.turnaround.org/About/Awards.aspx>

Sprint Foundation

Sprint Character Education Grant Program

Through the Sprint Character Education Grant Program, the Sprint Foundation will award grants to school districts and individual schools to fund the purchase of resource materials, supplies, equipment and software that facilitates and encourages character education among K-12 students. With a national reach, the program is open to all US public schools (K-12) and US public school districts. The Sprint Character Education Grant program will accept applications for Character Education programs that promote youth leadership, youth volunteerism, school pride and a positive school culture. Examples of programs that the Sprint Foundation will fund include:

- Character education curriculum and character education teacher training
- Direct project related costs for community service/service learning programs
- Leadership and mentor training

Deadline for submission is **February 5, 2010**.

Grant link: <http://www.sprint.com/responsibility/education/character/index.html?id8=vanity:educationgrants>

Gale/Library Media Connection

Teams Award

The Gale/Library Media Connection TEAMS Award recognizes and encourages the critical collaboration between the teacher and media specialist to promote learning and increase student achievement. All K-12 public and private schools in the United States and Canada are eligible to enter. Nominations will be evaluated based on demonstrated collaboration between media specialists and teachers during the 2007/08 school year, effective techniques that positively impact student learning and achievement, support received from school leadership, and ability for others to replicate this best practice. The nomination may be submitted by a library media specialist(s), teacher(s), principal(s), student(s), or parent(s). Three winners will each receive a \$2,500 cash award as well as Gale products, a one-year subscription to Library Media Connection, and an Educator's Professional Bookshelf from Linworth Publishing. **Deadline is June 15, 2010**.

Grant link: <http://www.galeschools.com/TEAMS/>

Ackerman Foundation, Inc.

The Ackerman Foundation

The Ackerman Foundation funds grants to improve the quality of the K-12 educational curriculum or system. Giving is on a national level. The Foundation initially requires contact by a proposal. The foundation does not have a website at this

time. Application deadline is **July 1, 2010**.

Contact: Don E. Ackerman, 24311 Walden Center Drive, Bonita Springs, FL 34134, (239) 949-5161.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy

Horowitz Foundation

The Foundation makes targeted grants for work in major areas of the social sciences, including anthropology, area studies, economics, political science, psychology, sociology, and urban studies, as well as newer areas such as evaluation research. Preference will be given to projects that deal with contemporary issues in the social sciences and issues of policy relevance, and to scholars in the initial stages of their career. Research grants are open to scholars in all social science disciplines for projects that deal with contemporary issues in the social sciences, particularly issues of policy relevance. Applicants need not be citizens of the United States, and grants are not restricted to U.S. residents. Submission deadline is **January 31, 2010**.

Grant link: <http://www.horowitz-foundation.org/grant.htm>

Awards for Grassroots Leaders

The Petra Foundation

The Petra Foundation seeks out and champions unsung leaders who are making distinctive contributions to the rights, autonomy, and dignity of millions who are marginalized in America. Each year grassroots leaders selected as Petra Fellows receive a no-strings personal financial award. In addition, the Foundation publicizes their innovative models for change, fosters their collaborations, and welcomes them to a national network of leaders who are working across the divides of age, ethnicity, class, and issue to build a more just society. Nominees should display a combination of activism and thought, force of character, independence of judgment, and clarity of expression. Nominations should be submitted by those who know the nominees and their work (without the knowledge of the nominees). The deadline for submitting nominations is **February 15, 2010**. Visit the Foundation's website to learn more about the program and the nomination process.

Grant link: <http://www.petrafoundation.org/>

WOMEN SERVICES

AAUW

Community Action Grants

AAUW, formerly the American Association of University Women, is offering community action grants. These grants provide funds to individuals, AAUW branches and AAUW state organizations as well as local community-based nonprofit organizations for innovative programs or non-degree research projects that promote education and equity for women and girls.

- One-year grants (\$2,000-\$7,000 over one year)
 - One-year grants provide seed money for new projects. Topic areas are unrestricted, but should include a clearly defined activity that promotes education and equity for women and girls.
- Two-year grants (\$5,000-\$10,000 over two years)

- Two-year grants provide start-up funds for longer-term programs that address the particular needs of the community and develop girls' sense of efficacy through leadership or advocacy opportunities. Topic areas are unrestricted, but should include a clearly defined activity that promotes education and equity for women and girls

Applicants must be women who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Nonprofit organizations must be based in the United States. Grant projects must have direct public impact, be nonpartisan, and take place within the United States or its territories. Special consideration is given to projects focused on K-12 and community college girls' and women's achievements in science, technology, engineering or math. Deadline for submission is **January 15, 2010**.

Grant link: <http://www.act.org/aauw/cag/>

YOUTH

Disney and Youth Service America

Disney's Friends for Change Grants

Disney and Youth Service America have announced Disney's Friends for Change Grants designed to help kids working to make environmentally friendly changes in their communities. The new program encourages kids everywhere to take steps together with their friends to help the planet. The Friends for Change Grants will fund kids' projects that help the environment and will look to engage children ages five to 18 as leaders in their communities. The program will award 150 grants of \$500 each throughout 2010. The grant program is open to schools, organizations, and individuals planning service projects. To be eligible, projects will need to be done any time during 2010 and should include one service or celebratory component on Global Youth Service Day, April 23-25, an annual campaign that mobilizes young people around the world to make a positive impact in their communities. **January 29, 2010 is the deadline.**

Grant link: <http://www.ysa.org/grants/announcements/friendsforchange>

American Honda Foundation

American Honda Foundation

The mission of American Honda Foundation is to help meet the needs of American society in the areas of youth and scientific education by awarding grants to nonprofits, while strategically assisting communities in deriving long-term benefits. The American Honda Foundation engages in grant making that reflects the basic tenets, beliefs and philosophies of Honda companies, which are characterized by the following qualities: imaginative, creative, youthful, forward-thinking, scientific, humanistic and innovative. They support youth education with a specific focus on the STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) subjects in addition to the environment. When considering the American Honda Foundation as a potential funding source, please note the following:

- Eligible Organizations: Nonprofit charitable organizations classified as a 501(c) (3) public charity by the Internal Revenue Service, or a public school district, private/public elementary and secondary schools as listed by the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). In addition, qualifying organizations must have a minimum of two years of audited financial statements.

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- Funding Priority: Youth education, specifically in the areas of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, the environment, job training and literacy. There are four applications deadlines each year: **February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1.**

Grant link: <http://corporate.honda.com/america/philanthropy.aspx?id=ahf>

Starbucks Foundation

Starbucks Foundation

The Starbucks Foundation will solicit applications from organizations that provide young people a continuum of services in social entrepreneurship; young people developing creative approaches that address pressing concerns. Successful grant applicants will exhibit all of the following qualities:

- Deliver services to youth, ages 6-24.
- Preference will be given to organizations that focus on young people in the age range of 12 and older, when they are able to take independent action.
- Provides opportunity to combine learning with action that support communities and further global citizenship.
- Deliver services, disseminate information, provide training and/or build broad networks.
- Provide existing and/or potential opportunities for Starbucks partners and multiple stores to be involved in a meaningful way.

Although Starbucks Foundation solicits grant applications, they do request that interested organizations fill out a profile so the organization can be considered for solicitation. Profiles are reviewed quarterly and **there is no deadline.**

Grant link: <http://www.starbucksfoundation.org/index.cfm?objectid=BE688C92-1D09-317F-BBA1CDA8E271C9CB>

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